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FROM: G/General Counsel

SUBJECT: Blanket Determination Regarding Attendance at NASA Day at Jacobs Field in Cleveland, Ohio, June 10, 2004

On June 10, 2004, the Cleveland Support Committee of the Ohio Aerospace Council (Council) will host NASA Day at Jacobs Field in Cleveland, Ohio. NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe has been invited to throw the [ceremonial] first pitch of the Cleveland Indians/Florida Marlins game. The theme of the event is Journey to Tomorrow. I have determined it to be in the best interests of the Government for those NASA employees who are invited to this event to attend in their official capacities and as representatives of NASA.

The Council is a nonprofit organization made up of aerospace entities throughout Ohio created to support federal aerospace activities in the State. NASA Glenn Research Center is a significant federal aerospace entity in the Cleveland area. The council will also host a pre-game dinner. Members from the Federal government, state and local governments, and academic community will attend the event. The cost of the event including dinner, beverages and loge tickets is approximately \$61. Approximately 60 people have been invited to the dinner and are expected to attend. I find that the dinner, but not the game, meets the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 CFR § 2635.204(g). Therefore, I conclude that NASA's interest in its employees attending this event outweighs any concern that free attendance may, or may appear to, improperly influence any NASA employees in the performance of their official duties. However employees who wish to attend the game will be required to purchase tickets.

Accordingly, NASA invitees and their spouses or guests may attend the dinner without charge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul G. Pastorek".  
Paul G. Pastorek